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► One woman in the South Slope told Metro a police officer said her shorts were too short, and suggested she wear pants.

Cop sensitivity training gains legs

Police have promised they will not critique women's clothing after multiple women reported that officers said they should cover up in the wake of 13 sex attacks in Brooklyn. The search is still on for the suspected rapist. {page 04}

Bloomberg: Protesters' favorite billionaire?

► As Occupiers march on UES homes of rich, powerful, mayor skipped ► But some say he won't get a pass {page 02}

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Cabbie drags cop

MIDTOWN. A rogue taxi driver was arrested Monday after he hit an NYPD officer who stopped him, dragging the cop for 60 feet, police said. The cop was allegedly struck at West 57th Street and Sixth Avenue just before noon. But the driver, Ashique Soom, kept driving — even though the officer was stuck underneath his yellow cab, according to police. After the taxi stopped, the officer was rushed to the hospital and Soom, 59, was charged with felony assault.

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► The alleged suspect

Uptown sex assault

HARLEM. The NYPD is looking for this man who they say sexually assaulted a woman in Morningside Park on Sunday evening. The woman, 29, was walking in the upper level of the park at about 6 p.m. when she was approached by a man in his 20s. They two had a brief conversation, but then he attacked and sexually assaulted her, said police. The suspect, whose image was captured on cameras, remains at large. METRO/CB

Protesters spare mayoral manse, at least for now

► Demand millionaire tax be extended into next year ► Lavish homes of bigwigs targeted ► But marchers torn over whether to protest Bloomberg



► A man looks down on the march from a building on Fifth Avenue yesterday.

Throngs marched through the Upper East Side yesterday, shouting outside the residences of some of the wealthiest people in the world.

But they left out one billionaire — Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the second-richest man in New York.

Protesters chanted, "We're here, we're hungry and we're coming to your house!" in front of the homes of News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch, conservative billionaire David Koch and JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon, among others.

The marchers, Occupy Wall Street protesters among them, want the millionaire tax to be extended past December, when it expires.

One protester, Greenwich Village student Emily Roche, 18, said Bloomberg's building was spared because of his support for Occupy Wall Street.

"Bloomberg said he supports the protesters as long

Meanwhile ...

Bloomberg said protesters' chosen targets did not make sense yesterday.

"I don't know what that achieves," he said. "Jamie Dimon is one of the great bankers. He's brought more business to this city than any modern banker."

as we don't break the law," Roche said. "I don't think [he's] corporate enough."

But Brooklyn actor Shay Glejzer, 23, thought they should have stopped by the mayor's East 79th Street abode. "I don't know why it's not included in this march," Glejzer said.

Bronx protester Alfredo Carrasquillo, 27, said Bloomberg's not out of the woods yet. "Today, he's not the main focus," Carrasquillo said. "When his time comes, we'll be at his house, too."

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Donate new suits to Occupy Wall Street campers in need

NEW YORK. Forget pizza. What the Wall Street protesters really need donated to them are suits, say some.

A group called Suits for Wall Street is seeking to fill that void. Through fundraising website IndieGoGo, the group is calling for people to donate either \$5 or their old, gently worn suits — pointing out that Harvey

\$1,610

Amount raised so far
by Suits for Wall Street.

Milk and Malcolm X were both nattily dressed. On Oct. 15, they promise to deliver the suits to anyone in Zuccotti Park who wants one. There will even be on-site tailors to help with the fittings. METRO/CB



► Now they can look just like bankers!

News in brief

Mystery scare in the air

WEST SIDE. Some people were spooked on the West Side Sunday by skywriting meant to be an artistic project. Artist Kim Beck chose slogans from three advertising billboards and hired a plane to write the phrases in the sky near the High Line. One of the phrases was "last

chance," which scared some New Yorkers, who thought it was a possible terrorist threat.

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Brooklyn signs removed

SOUTH WILLIAMSBURG. The Daily News reported that city workers removed signs in a Hasidic neighborhood that told women to move to the side when men were approaching, as it is illegal to post signs on city trees. METRO/AB



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► Multiple women in and around Park Slope said police have criticized their choice of dress.

Cops: We'll stop blaming skirts

- Some women reported cops criticizing their clothes
- But police say they are only trying to protect women

As women continue to look over their shoulders after Monday night's sex assault — possibly the 13th in a string of attacks — police officers acknowledged they might need to be more sensitive as they try to catch the suspect, or suspects.

The deputy inspectors of two Brooklyn precincts met with members of two women's advocacy groups — Safe Slope and Hollaback! — on Thursday. Park Slope Councilman Brad Lander convened the meeting after 6,000 people signed a petition criticizing cops.

Multiple women reported officers critiquing how

13 Number of attacks since March. A man, or multiple suspects, gropes women on the street and then runs.

they dressed, telling them not to wear skirts or short shorts because a rapist is on the loose, according to Safe Slope organizers.

One South Slope resident, Mallory Rials, told Metro that a cop stopped her two weeks ago on her way to the gym and told her she "should be wearing long pants" instead of running shorts.

"I told him that I couldn't change the way I live my

life just because of some creep," she said.

At Thursday's meeting, police officers promised to remind cops never to critique clothing, because it sends the message that a victim could be at fault, according to Emily May of Hollaback!

Police spokesman Paul Browne disputed accounts of officers condemning clothes.

"Police don't comment on what women wear," he said.

Women were attacked two days in a row this week.

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Report: NYPD spied on Muslim college groups

Muslims in New York are reeling after a new report emerged this week that alleges the NYPD sent undercover officers into local colleges to sit in on Muslim student meetings.

The Associated Press reported that cops infiltrated student groups at schools like Brooklyn College, Hunter College and Baruch College. They sometimes gained access by saying they needed help with drug cases.

Undercover officers then attended meetings organized by Muslim student groups, the report alleges. They were looking for radical, and possibly dangerous, Islamic extremists.

"Is there any aspect of Muslim life that the NYPD is not monitoring?" asked

"American Muslims assume that mosques are going to be monitored. ... Everything they say and do is going to be watched. But we had no idea, at least in New York, that it was this extensive."

IBRAHIM HOOPER, CAIR

Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

He added that CAIR is asking the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate these allegations.

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Profile in anger

Shehnaz Khan, 25, is a graduate student at New York University, but was involved in many Muslim Student Association meetings at Hunter College — one of the schools police allegedly monitored.

"I was shocked," she told Metro. "These are places people go to let their guards down."

But, she said, officers were likely disappointed with what they gleaned from these meetings.

"What they probably heard was just a bunch of adolescents frustrated about the system and just venting about how disappointed they were."

Gas pumps vanishing

NEW YORK. More and more New York City gas stations are turning off their pumps, according to Crain's. Two years ago, Manhattan sported 58 gas stations; this year, it's just 41. More than 3,300 stations closed last year nationwide. Only Kansas, South Carolina and Texas experienced more closings. The price of gas in the Big Apple has jumped 90 cents from last year. ● METRO/EAE

Goon kept mafia file

WILLIAMSBURG. Mike "The Butcher" Virtuoso, in jail awaiting trial for extortion, kept a complete Rolodex of criminal contacts in his shop in Brooklyn, according to the New York Post. FBI agents found dozens of phone numbers for New York's most wanted at Graham Avenue Meats & Deli, including two belonging to convicted felons associated with the Lucchese crime family. ● METRO/EAE

MTA head gets tour

VERRAZANO BRIDGE. Outgoing MTA chair Jay Walder visited the Verrazano Bridge Sunday morning, snarling traffic and costing taxpayers thousands, according to the New York Post. Walder got a private tour of the sweeping views from the bridge from three maintenance workers who were reportedly called in on their day off. An MTA spokesperson disputed the Post's claims. ● METRO/EAE

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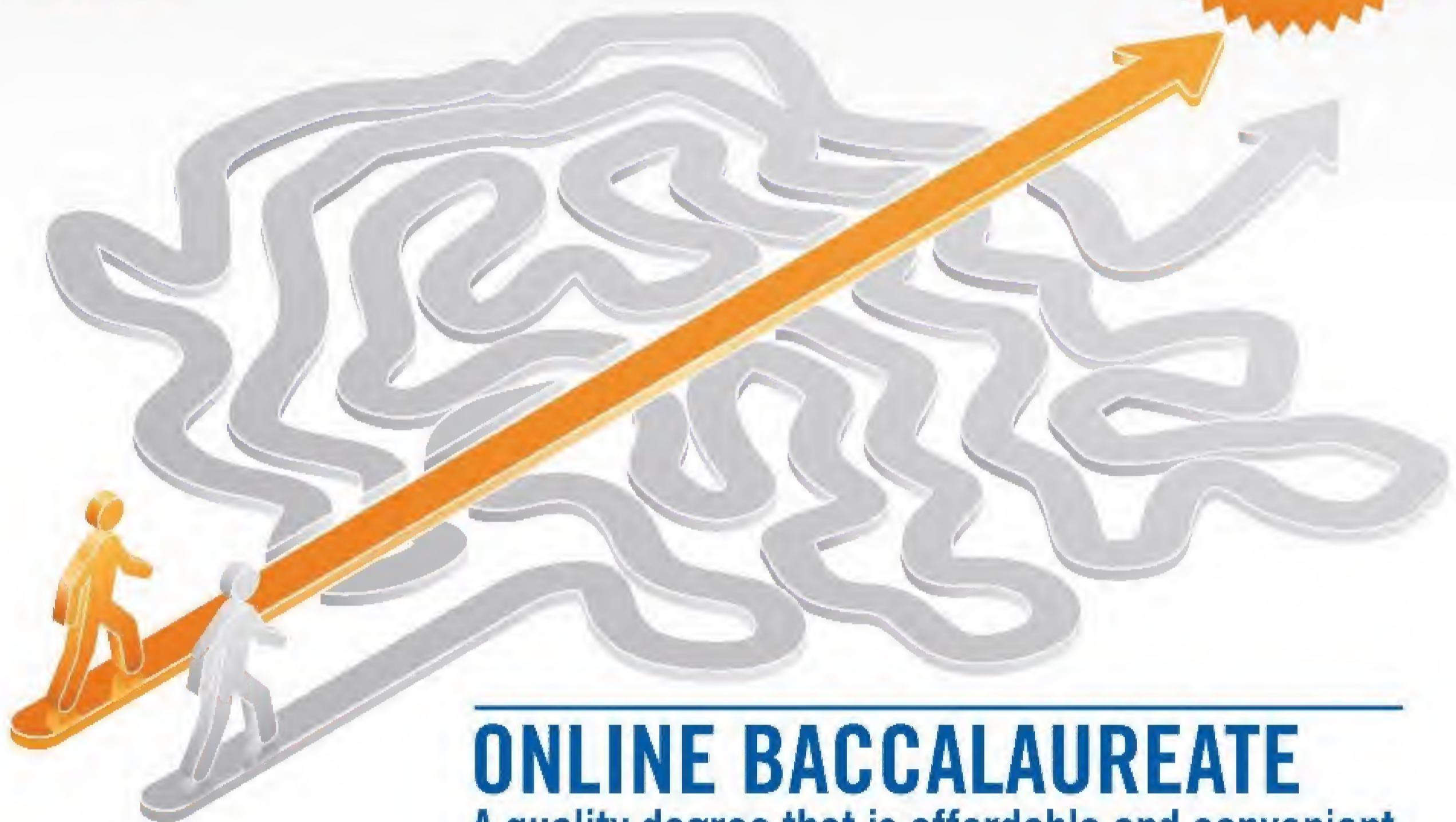
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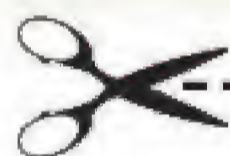
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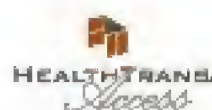
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 ▶ Scott McCarrey, a writer's assistant on "Law & Order: SVU,"
 poses on set where the show films at Chelsea Piers.

NYC the real star onscreen in this fall's TV lineup

Forget the likes of Christina Ricci and Steve Buscemi: The real star in this fall's television lineup is New York City.

A recordbreaking 23 television shows are filming in the Big Apple this season, eight of them new. On top of that, 13 movies are currently shooting in New York this month alone.

When Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced that the city is hosting more of Hollywood than ever, he attributed that growth to a 30 percent tax credit — \$420 million each year — the state offers to productions that make New York their home. Filming is vital to the city's

140

 New York hosts 140
 news programs, talk
 shows and reality
 series. Last year, 200
 films were shot in New
 York City.

economy, Bloomberg said. A show like "Pan Am," for example, which films in Steiner Studios in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, might employ 400 people.

And it means people like Scott McCarrey get a paycheck. McCarrey, 26, a writer's assistant on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," is one of the

100,000 New Yorkers employed by the film and television industry.

McCarrey said he was hired after "Law & Order" moved their writing staff from Los Angeles to New York.

Now, instead of juggling jobs, he's a staff writer's assistant researching storylines. Without "SVU," he said, he'd be back to lower-paying gigs.

"It's nice, because the show is set in New York," he said. "And it helps to have people here, who actually live in the city, writing about the city."


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Major boost to economy

NEW YORK. The entertainment industry contributes \$5 billion to the city's economy, Bloomberg said, and 4,000 businesses get revenue from filming — such as lumber yards, car services and

costume houses.

Marilyn Dejesus, 41, a payroll accountant on "Gossip Girl" and "CSI: NY," said those shows employ about 300 and 200 people each week, respectively.

 As for when productions leave New York? "Those couple of hundred people are scrambling for the same job as the next couple of hundred people that are on another show," she said. **● METRO/AB**

Filming this month

- ▶ "Black Parables"
- ▶ "Disconnect"
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► Most costly schools are in more urban areas, finance mag reports ► New York, Chicago claim top of the list

Higher education in the United States is not cheap; but Sarah Lawrence College in New York, with total costs of \$58,334 a year, is the most expensive college in the country, according to a new ranking.

For the second consecutive year, this small liberal arts college north of New York City — with 1,300 undergraduate students — topped the Forbes.com list of priciest colleges.

It is followed by the University of Chicago with a yearly price tag of \$57,590 and the New School in New York, which costs \$57,199 a year.

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Lawrence would cost nearly \$240,000 for a four-year course of studies if current inflation continues.

"Just about all of the top 10 schools are in very expensive urban areas," said Daniel Fisher, a senior editor at Forbes. "I think you just have to pay your employees more to live and work in a place like Bronxville, New York."

But Forbes noted that many U.S. colleges and universities discount costs depending on the parents' ability to pay, and that more than half the students at the priciest institutions pay significantly less than the full price tag.

"They are figuring out which students they want in the schools and what their parents can actually pay," Fisher says. **REUTERS**

Chocolate. Stroke risk



► "Chocolate should be consumed in moderation, as it is high in calories, fat and sugar," says Susanna Larsson from Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm (not pictured).

Indulge for your health?

A sweet tooth isn't necessarily bad for your health — at least not when it comes to chocolate, hints a new study. Researchers studying more than 33,000 Swedish women found that the more chocolate women said they ate, the lower their risk of stroke. The results add to a growing body of evidence linking cocoa consumption to heart health, but they aren't a free pass to gorge on chocolate. **REUTERS**

Iranians charged in political bomb plot

WASHINGTON. U.S. authorities broke up an alleged plot to bomb the Israeli and Saudi Arabian embassies in Washington and assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States, court documents and a U.S. official said yesterday.

The alleged plotters were identified as Manssor Arbabsiar and Gholam Shakuri — both originally from Iran. Arbabsiar, a naturalized U.S. citizen, was arrested in late September. Shakuri is still at large.

The plot was disrupted by the FBI and DEA.

One question is whether elements of the Iranian government were behind the plot. Documents identify Shakuri as a member of the Quds Force, a branch of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps. **REUTERS**

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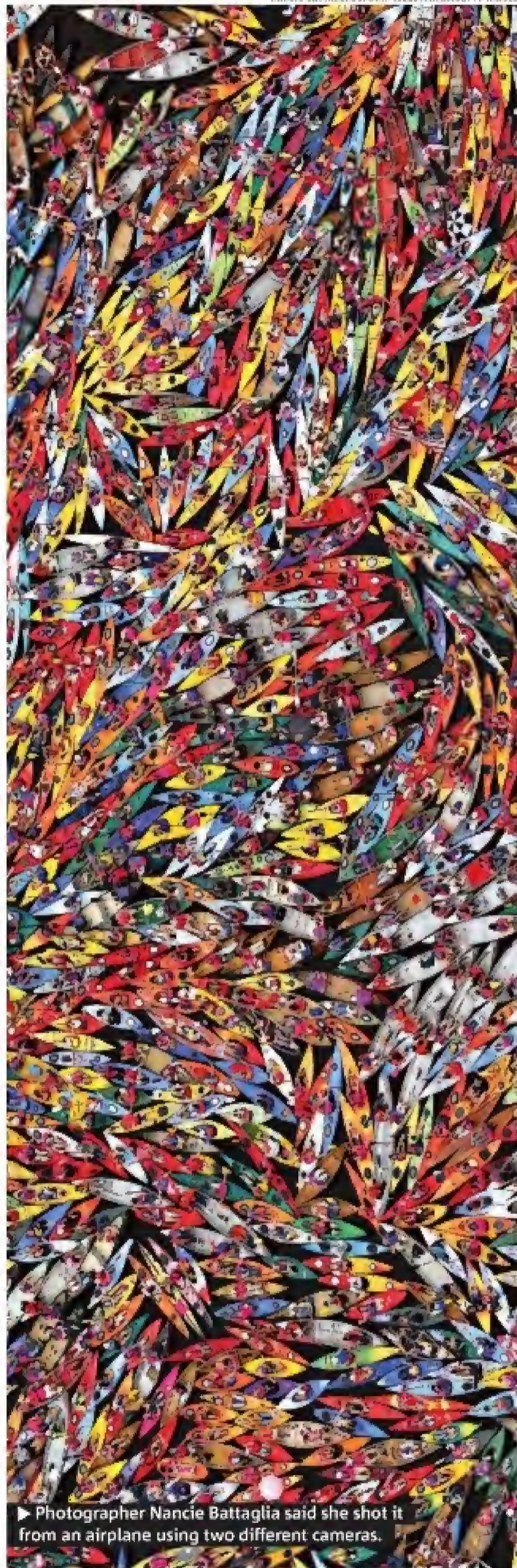
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► Photographer Nancie Battaglia said she shot it from an airplane using two different cameras.

Colorful kayaks raise money for breast cancer

Vessels make a painterly image

A piece of modern art? No, it's an aerial photo of canoes and kayaks in the largest floating raft on Fourth Lake in upstate New York. "We raised \$65,000 for breast cancer research. They stayed in the water for 30 seconds for the Guinness world record," said organizer Carolyn Belknap. ● MWN

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Trouble almost wrecked record

A nearby electrical substation failed while they were setting up the event. Connie Perry, chief organizer of One Square Mile of

Hope, told Metro: "We couldn't cook or communicate with the planes. Our musical band had to play acoustically! The chefs had to go to elsewhere and cook lunch." ● MWN

OWS: AMERICAN

► Winter is coming, but for many US cities it seems that spring has sprung anew ► Protesters taking cue from a series of global uprisings ► What the Web has wrought

After the "Arab Spring" and unrest in Europe, New York's "Occupy Wall Street" movement may be the latest sign of a global, popular backlash against elites with increasingly shared rhetoric and tactics.

On almost every continent, 2011 has seen an almost unprecedented rise in both peaceful and sometimes violent unrest and dissent. Protesters in a lengthening list of countries including Israel, India, Chile, China, Britain, Spain and now the United States all increasingly link their actions explicitly to the popular revolutions

"What you're seeing is a loss of confidence in institutions and their legitimacy because they are not seen as delivering."

JONATHAN WOOD, ANALYST

that have shaken up the Middle East.

The slogans on the streets of Manhattan and other U.S. cities also show a host of other intermingling influences, from the British student protests last year to

the "indignados" anti-austerity demonstrations in Greece and Spain.

What they all share in common is a feeling that the youth and middle class are paying a high price for mismanagement and malfeasance by an out-of-touch corporate, financial and political elite.

When hundreds of protesters blocked London's Westminster Bridge on Sunday in anger at upcoming changes to Britain's National Health Service, they took on slogans from U.S. protesters who describe themselves as the "99 percent" paying the price for



► Occupy Wall Street protesters and union members stage a protest near Wall Street in New York.

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mistakes by a tiny minority.

With the economic outlook darkening just as the growth of social media helps disparate groups around the world knit together a global narrative of anger, there may be more to come.

"This is most definitely going to be a multi-year trend, perhaps even a decade," says Tina Fordham, chief political analyst for U.S. bank Citi. "So far the policy impact has been minimal, but that could change. An extended period of low or no growth could galvanize these emerging movements into political forces."

While those largely leaderless groups taking to the streets might be getting better at articulating what they are against, they still

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struggle to define what they actually want. But they are still gaining traction.

Already, the tactic of occupying a location — be it a park, the central square in an Arab city or a university common room — appears to be becoming commonplace, allowing debate and providing a focal point from which to engage the media and authority. So too are "days of rage," a term first used during the Middle East risings, not to mention the use of social media and messaging systems to stay one step ahead of authorities.

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World Wide Web



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What the Internet revolution is doing, some experts suggest, is leading to perhaps a new internationalization of political discourse. If nothing else, different protest trends around the world — many motivated at least in part by perceived economic grievance — may be producing a common narrative.

When English student and occasional fashion blogger Jessica Riches, then 21, began posting Twitter updates from a student sit-in at University College London late last year, her postings and online interactions inspired like-minded students elsewhere. That led to

a string of other "occupations" across Britain and fueled further protests against planned tuition fee rises.

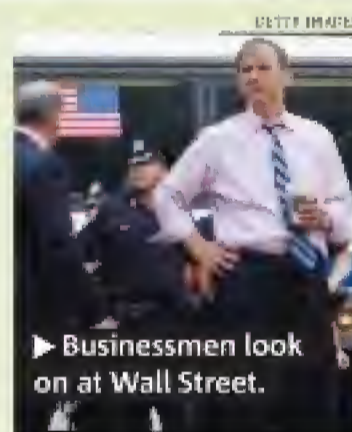
► This didn't stop the coalition government pushing through the reforms — part of a wider debt-reduction strategy — but now Riches feels she is seeing the beginnings of something more.

► **"There's definitely something in the air."**

JESSICA RICHES

► Riches is now avidly following events in New York on-line and encouraging activists in the United States to "occupy everything." "In many ways, they remind me of us last year."

► Clay Shirky, a professor at New York University and author of a 2008 book titled "Here Comes Everybody" on the social change wrought by the Internet, thinks something deep may be happening to the social psychology of a generation. ► "If you look at what's happened everywhere, there is some kind of psychological synchronization," he told a meeting in Washington last month at the United States Institute for Peace. **REUTERS**



► Businessmen look on at Wall Street.

The response from Wall St.

NEW YORK. Since the movement kicked off last month, big banks seem to have made a point of ignoring it, with some privately writing it off as a badly organized nuisance.

One banker described the protesters as "a bunch of whiny people who are lazy or incompetent and have nothing to do with their time."

But they are paying attention. "I think this thing will continue to grow," said Robert Siegfried, a partner at Kekst & Co. "For anyone to dismiss it, that's a terrible underestimation of the sentiment behind this phenomena." **REUTERS**

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Most workers don't want the boss's job

▶ 76% wouldn't want to be the manger ▶ Don't think they can do better ▶ Leadership not always likeable

Unemployment remains high and good jobs are becoming increasingly difficult to find, but a new survey finds that the majority of Americans aren't preoccupied with climbing the corporate ladder.

According to a poll conducted by staffing services company OfficeTeam, 76 percent of office workers say they have no interest in having their manager's position. Additionally, 65 percent didn't believe they could do a better job than their boss if they did.

The group attributes the overall lack of corporate ambition to the unique set of challenges, duties and

"Being a strong individual contributor does not necessarily equate to being an effective leader. The most successful bosses excel at motivating others to achieve great results."

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responsibilities that higher-level management positions entail.

"Many aspects of management involve making difficult, sometimes un-

popular decisions, and not everyone is comfortable in this role," Robert Hosking, executive director of OfficeTeam, said in a press release.

OfficeTeam's findings, based on phone interviews with 431 workers 18 or older, echo the results of an Adecco survey conducted earlier this year that found that the recession had actually improved relationships between employees and their bosses and tempered the need workers feel to take over. It should be welcome news for supervisors, who will celebrate National Boss Day on Monday.

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▶ The agreement calls for the release of 1,000 Palestinians in two stages, the first involving 450 to be swapped for Shalit, seen here, with the remaining 550 to be freed later.

Israel, Hamas to swap prisoners

Israel and Gaza's Hamas Islamist rulers have agreed to swap hundreds of Palestinian prisoners for the lone Israeli captive soldier Gilad Shalit, resolving one of the most emotive and intractable issues between them. The breakthrough pact, after many false dawns in years of secret efforts to free Shalit since he was captured in 2006, has no direct bearing on Middle East peace negotiations. **REUTERS**

Suicide machine at auction

The "death machine" used by the late Dr. Jack Kevorkian in his controver-

sial campaign to help more than 100 people commit suicide will be among his paintings and other items up for auction this month, the sale's coordinator said.

Known as Dr. Death, Kevorkian started a polarizing debate in the United

States over assisted suicide by crisscrossing Michigan in a rusty Volkswagen van with a homemade machine to aid sick and suffering people who wanted to die.

Kevorkian died in June at the age of 83. **REUTERS**



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► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jim Carrey is worried about how we look, Jonah Hill is thinking outside the box, Rose McGowan is a happy traveler and Joan Rivers is getting schooled by a kid.

► **@JimCarrey**
If future historians look back 2 the blogs of our day 4 reference material it'll be a piss poor account of who we r. Or is that who we r?

► **@JonahHill**
Every urinal has no-flush technology if you just don't care.

► **@Rosemcgowan**
In London! Yippee

► **@Joan_Rivers**
I asked my grandson, Cooper, if he knew where babies came from. Very smart! He said, "Of course...Brad and Angelina's house."



Beyonce pregnancy conspiracy theories

There's an entire movement of people who think **Beyonce** is faking her pregnancy (from here on out, they shall be referred to as "bumpers"). These bumpers first pointed to Beyonce's appearance at the VMAs and claimed she used padding. And now their cause is further inflamed thanks to an interview with an Australian TV show that aired on Sunday. If you look at the still from the show, you can see that when she sits down, her belly seems to crumple and deflate. I think she is using some kind of bump smoother or enhancer (when you are in the second trimester, sometimes your belly might be more fat than adorable. So she's wearing a kind of undergarment that smooths it out into an aesthetically

pleasing bump).

However, there are many conspiracy theories out there. One is that Beyonce is hiring a surrogate to go through the pain (and the sloppy postpartum body) that comes with pregnancy. And another is that **Jay-Z** has fathered another child and the couple plans on passing it off as their own. These are both foolish. There is no reason for someone as beautiful, talented and rich as Beyonce to agree to this embarrassing charade. Sasha Fierce don't play that.

The only thing that possibly makes sense is that Beyonce is actually a robot and can't have babies. And, honestly, if I weren't so sure she was wearing a bump smoother, I'd go for this one. That girl cannot be human, right?



► Beyonce bumpers are in a tizzy over what's in that bump. Fetus or pillow? Just wait until the birth certificate controversy, folks.



► Yvette Noel-Schure, Beyonce's rep, told ABC News the rumors are "stupid, ridiculous and false."

What is Simpson hiding?

Speaking of bumps, check out this photo of **Jessica Simpson**, who is artfully hiding something underneath that black blazer of hers. And now there is news that after months of speculation, she is reportedly gearing up to announce her pregnancy, a source close to Simpson's fiancé, **Eric Johnson**, tells Radar Online. "It's still early in the pregnancy, and Jessica has decided to wait before sharing her happiness with her fans," the source says. "But she has begun telling family and friends the exciting news." Simpson is expected to go public with the news as an exclusive for a magazine, the website claims.



Simpson on Saturday. Why aren't the bumpers attacking her?

Talking points

Ashton and Demi's punked camping trip

Ashton Kutcher and **Demi Moore** spent the Yom Kippur holiday getting away from it all, camping near Santa Barbara, Calif., with their Kabbalah instructor

in tow, according to Hollyscoop. The couple didn't seem at all pleased when spotted by other campers, though. "Demi was screaming 'Please don't take photos of me or my family. Please don't expose this,'" a source says. "Once she knew she had been photographed, she whistled at Ashton and gestured for him to hurry into the tent. It was obvious that Demi was showing the strain about the

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state of her marriage."

George Clooney still in love

George Clooney and **Stacy Keibler** are enjoying autumn by avoiding it all

together. The new couple jetted off to Cabo San Lucas over the weekend, with Keibler posting a photo of a palm tree-lined, beachside swimming pool with the comment, "Chasing the last days of summer." Clooney and Keibler, who celebrates her 32nd birthday Friday, "have great physical chemistry," a source tells Us Weekly. "George is very sweet to Stacy. He gives her a lot of attention."



A laser light show for your Wednesday

1. French performer Jean Michel Jarre performed on his signature laser harp at Belgrade Arena yesterday in Belgrade, Serbia. Serbs love laser harps.

2. James Blunt melted thousands of German hearts with his mega hit "You're Beautiful" yesterday in Dusseldorf.

3. Oscar-winning director Martin Scorsese attended a screening of "Hugo" at Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, yesterday in New York City.

4. Judi Dench and co-star Penny Ryder attended a screening of their new short film, "Friend Request Pending" yesterday in London.

5. "Real Housewives of New Jersey" star Teresa Giudice during a photo shoot in Towaco, New Jersey, yesterday.



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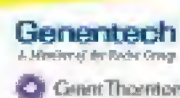
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► Malin Landaeus, of Malin Landaeus (155 N. Sixth St., Brooklyn), and her daughter, Nova Landaeus, will participate in the crawl.

- The first-ever Brooklyn Vintage Crawl hits the borough this Sunday
- Why this is the best post-brunch date for you and your bestie

Over the summer, Kathryn Irby, a former Lucky magazine editor and now vintage store consultant, met Emily Lichtenberg while she was shopping at Antoinette. The two began chatting about their love for scoring old finds when Lichtenberg uttered the magic words: "I take friends on vintage crawls all the time." Thus, their marriage in thrifting heaven began. This Sunday, the ladies — now business partners — are heading up a massive vintage crawl in Williamsburg and Greenpoint. And you're invited!

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nity to bring our neighborhood together and support our plethora of local mom-and-pop vintage shops," says Irby. "We're partnering with Domino, a Williamsburg-specific mobile app for Crawlers to download our map on their smartphone and receive updates throughout the day," she says. So call your best friend — you guys have a date this weekend.

What to keep a eye out for:

"The trends for fall actually lean in a vintage direction — the '70s aesthetic, exquisite fake fur embellish-

ments and lovely open-knit, crochet pieces," says Irby. "As far as home goods, I've noticed a lot of awesome 'History teacher classroom world maps.'"

► Irby in front of Antoinette, where it all began. Customers who show the downloaded maps on smartphones or have a printout will receive a store discount, cocktails and access to a music performance from the band Lightfoot.

Irby's vintage shopping tips

1 "Most vintage clothing and shoes run smaller than you'd expect. Definitely try the pieces on before purchasing."

2 "When purchasing vintage shoes — they can often be a bit snug — an easy remedy is to take them to your local shoe repair to have

them stretched overnight. Leather and suede always stretch."

3 "An easy way to 'eyeball' if a waistline is going to fit is to stretch the piece from hipbone to hipbone. If it hits your hips and slightly wraps around (about an inch on either side), then it should fit!"

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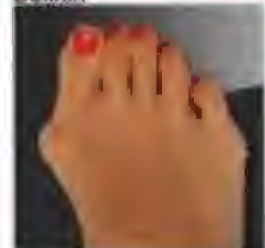


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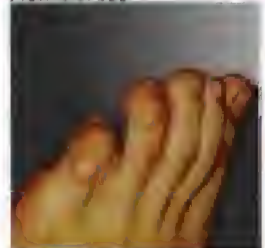


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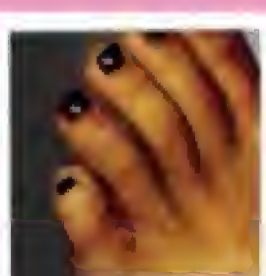


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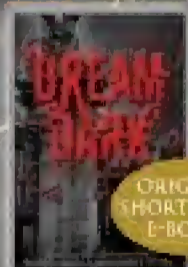
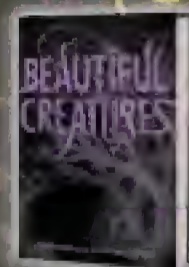
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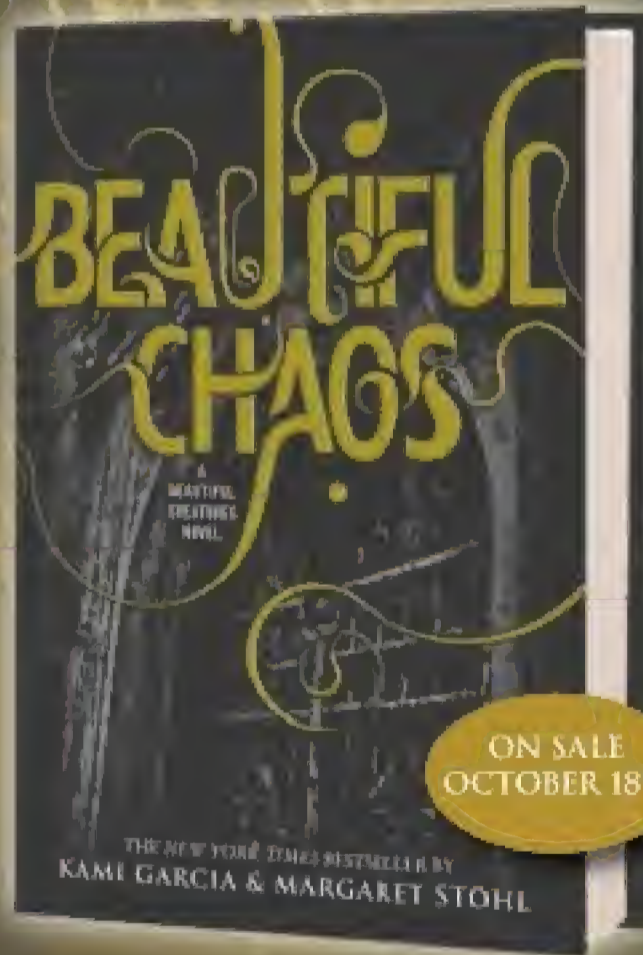
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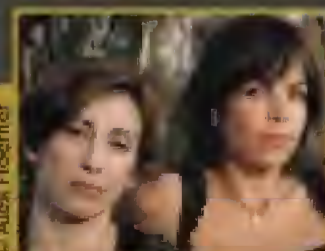


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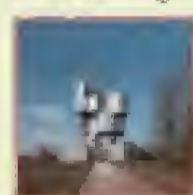
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► Frank Langella, center, is commanding in Roundabout Theatre Company's "Man and Boy."

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Set during the Great Depression with a Madoff-like financier, Gregor Antonescu (Frank Langella), at its center, "Man and Boy," should certainly speak to this parallel era. Alas, it has little to say. And it seems to take forever to say it.

It's fun to watch Langella strut his stuff. He jumps into the skin of the colorfully amoral Antonescu, perched on the brink of ruin, with abandon. But it's not enough to carry this tired drama, which ran for less than two months on Broadway in 1963.

For one thing, it's incredibly simplistic. Antonescu is a smooth operator, but the ease with which he dupes a merger target's CEO (Zach Grenier) and accountant (Brian Hutchison) in connection with a deal going south is laughable.

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And the drama's pivotal relationship, that of Antonescu to his grown son Basil (Adam Driver), is a complete muddle. Basil understandably goes back and forth between acceptance and rejection of his manipulative father. But after his father uses him as bait to save the merger, Basil rejects dad once and for all — or not.

This final turnaround doesn't wash. Like much of the play, it's more driven by plot than character and therefore rings hollow.

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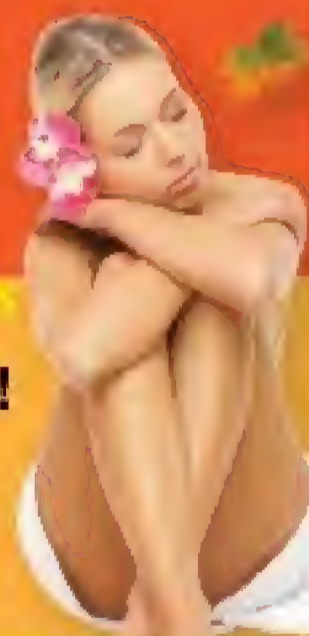
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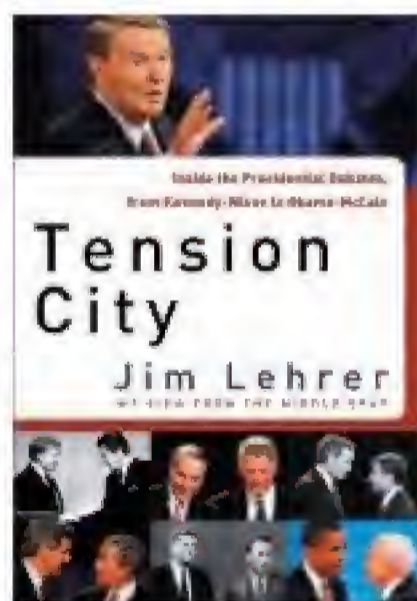
► Lehrer recounts his experiences moderating some of the world's leading men.

Presidential debates are often referred to as blood sport, but only once in his 11 turns as moderator did Jim Lehrer ever fear that one might actually get physical. That was the famous third Bush-Gore debate from 2000, when Gore suddenly started invading the future president's personal space.

"It looked like Gore was going to run right over him," Lehrer recalls. "I had a couple of beats of absolute panic. I didn't know what the hell I was gonna do — throw myself between these two guys?"

That's just one of Lehrer's "Major Moments," tide-turning events in the history of American presidential debates that the veteran "Newshour" host relates in his new book, "Tension City." Lehrer traces the evolution of the political face-offs from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain. The author himself has the best seat in the house for more of those debates than any other moderator in history.

Though he admits that



he declared at least three of those debates to be his last, Lehrer now says he's "rock solid" on his retirement. "I've done my job for my profession and my country and now it's time for some others to do it," he says, though he admits he'll miss the gig. "It's exhilarating, it's hairy, it's scary. The potential for making a fool of yourself in a big way is there. But, I've never failed to feel touched by the fact that this was an important thing I was part of."

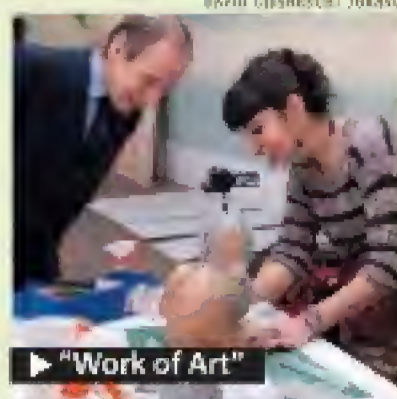


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TV watch list

'Work of Art: The Next Great Artist'

REALITY. Lowbrow kitsch is the highlight of tonight's season opener challenge. Do you think anyone will invoke some of the boob



► "Work of Art"

tube's finer moments — ahem, "Jersey Shore" — in this televised reality competition focused on high-brow pursuits? Season premiere, 9 p.m., Bravo


'Psych'

COMEDY. Shawn stumbles upon a dead body at the

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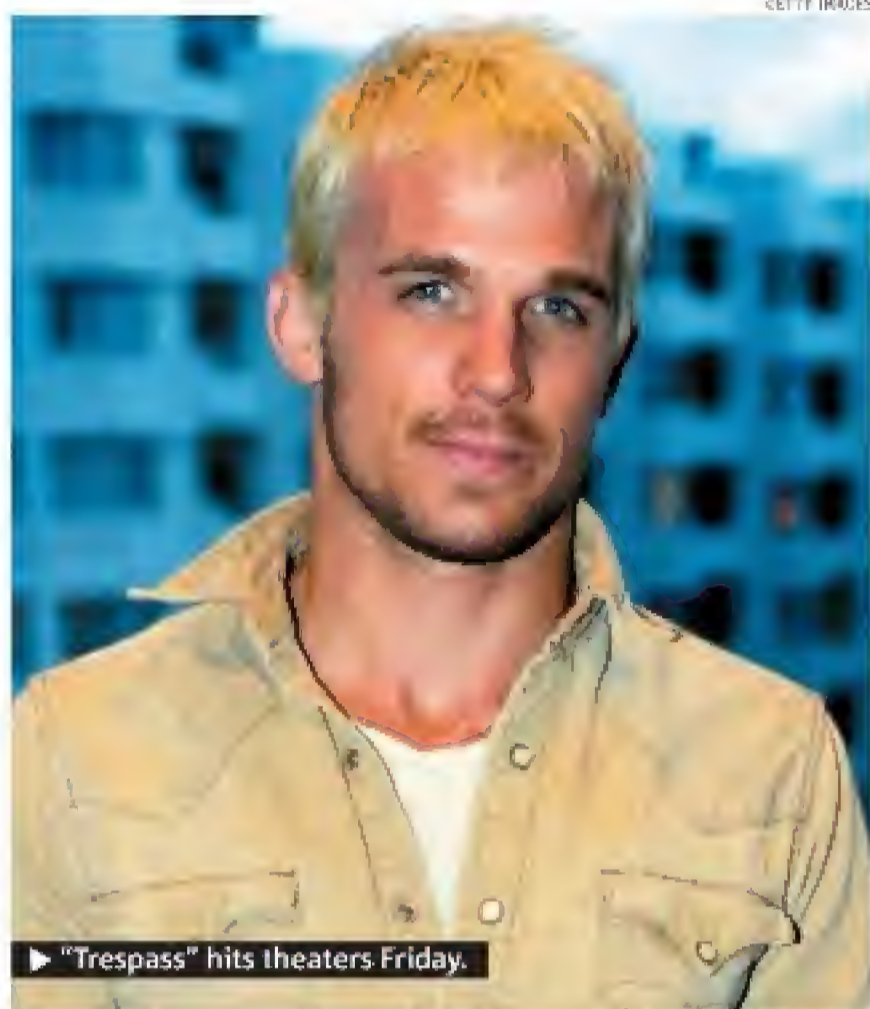
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Feels so good to be so bad



► "Trespass" hits theaters Friday.

► Why Cam Gigandet prefers to play the villain as he does in his latest film, 'Trespass' ► On working with Nic Cage: 'He is crazy but in such a good way'

Mr. Nice Guy, he's not. If anything, 29-year-old actor Cam Gigandet has cultivated quite a reputation for playing bad guys, and he prefers it that way. The star of "Twilight" and "Priest" makes his next appearance with "Trespass," a home-invasion thriller that pits his character and two other accomplices against a rich couple (played by Nicole Kidman and Nicolas Cage) whose house they hope to rob for millions. Gigandet explained why playing the bad guy is so satisfying for him.

In this film, as in many others, you end up playing the bad

Q&A

Is your co-star Nicolas Cage as crazy as everyone says he is?

Yes and yes. I'll be honest. I was warned before working with him by a few people that he's very difficult and crazy and this and that and he is crazy but in such a good way. I don't know if it's crazy so much as quirkiness. He's just out there and outgoing and funnier than I could've imagined. I think he's a little misunderstood. He definitely has a good sense of humor — an odd one, but a good one.

guy. Why do you always get these parts?

I enjoy it the most. I think there just seems to be more to grab onto, I guess. You can use your imagination a little bit more — whereas if they're a good guy or heroes, they have to abide by a strict set of rules and to this day I haven't been able to figure out how to work around those. Maybe just because I don't know how to do it. There seems to be more creativity and imagination involved in justifying what they do. And yeah, that's what people hire me for, so I'll take what I can get.

What are the key differences from playing, say, an evil vampire in "Twilight" and a desperate robber in "Trespass"?

I prefer "Trespass" and I had a good time on "Twilight." We were all so new and young to the experience. Even our director at the time [Catherine Hardwicke] was new to directing, so it was a little hap-

hazard how we shot. And having 12 young actors, trying to corral everyone. A lot of the time was spent doing that, whereas on "Trespass," before we even started shooting, there were two or three weeks where we literally rehearsed every single day. To be able to do that is any actor's dream.

While rehearsing, did anyone have their own stories about having their house robbed?

Everyone would share their stories, just while we were rehearsing, and when you talk to everyone, surprisingly a lot of people have had this happen. Even — not that this is a normal one — but I think Nicolas Cage had someone end up in his bedroom when he was sleeping and they were naked or had a popsicle. I haven't gotten to that place yet, but I think I'm protected enough with my mace and baseball bat.



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► "Fast Five," starring Tyrese Gibson, is in stores now.

It's full speed ahead for Tyrese Gibson

Tyrese Gibson isn't slowing down anytime soon. The actor's mega-blockbuster "Fast Five" just hit shelves, and his fifth album, which already has two No. 1 singles, is being released in November. We caught up with the Renaissance man to talk cars, music and the future.

Are you as big as a car buff in "Fast Five" as you are in real life?

I love cars. I drive nothing but fast cars. I am real car-lover, not just made for TV.

What do you drive?

I drive a few little goodies. I drive a Bentley, Maserati. Sick little bottle rockets.

I heard that you filmed "Transformers" and "Fast Five" at the same time. Sounds like you were busy!
Yeah. It was a crazy summer. I was happy that we were able to schedule it out and I really felt good about the process of working on both films, two different beasts. It was a lot of fun. It was one of the best summers of my life.

In addition to keeping busy with acting, you also have some new music coming out soon.

Nov. 1, "Open Invitation," my best R&B album to date, is coming 11.1.11.

How do you know this your best album?

Well, because in the past I have had so many different cooks in the kitchen, opinions of songs and what direction my album should

be in. I did this album all by myself this time and it's my labor of love. "Fast Five" was such a big hit, how are you going to top it? Well, I don't really know if the motivation is to top it. I think when it's time to do "Fast" we just try and have fun and make sure that we stay on the real motivation, which is the fans and their enjoyment. We want everybody leaving feeling like they had a good time, they were able to laugh, [they were] on the edge of their seats and [they] feel like a part of the mission. I really think we accomplished that in "Fast Five."

So are you saying that there's a "Fast Six" in the works?

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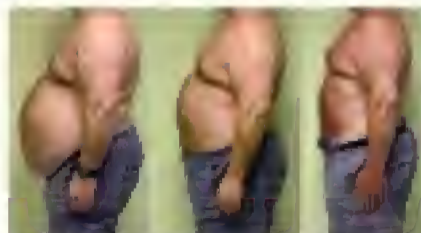
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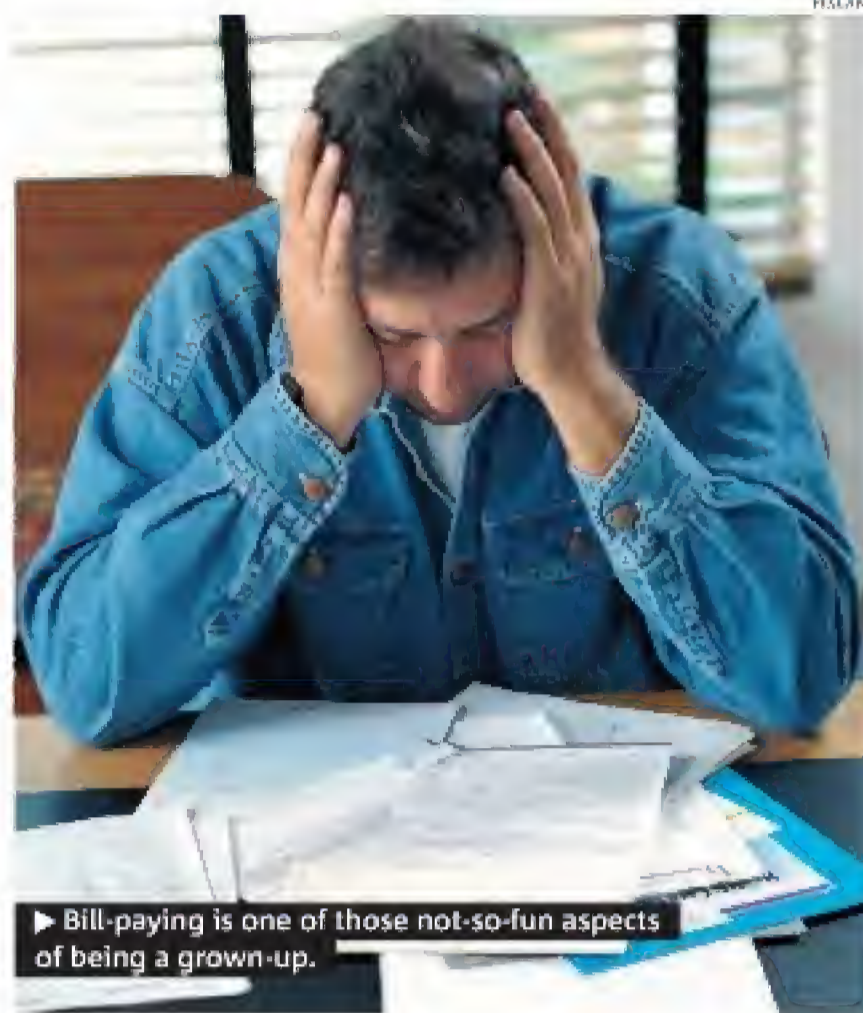
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Results: A new study from the University of Montreal shows that mild strokes can cause sleeplessness, vision problems and depression.
Significance: Vigilant treatment for mild stroke patients is necessary.

Oral sex and oral cancer

Study subjects: 271 oropharyngeal cancer patients
Location of study: U.S.
Results: The HPV virus, which causes cervical cancer, can also cause oropharyngeal cancer, which oc-

curs in the upper throat.
Significance: Researchers from Ohio State University and the National Cancer Institute say that the disease could surpass cervical cancer as the country's main HPV-related cancer within the decade.

Intravenous contraception and HIV risk

Study subjects: 3,790 African couples in which one partner was infected with HIV
Location of study: Africa
Results: Contraceptive injections can double the chance of women catching HIV and giving it to a male partner, says the University of Washington.
Significance: Contraception in conjunction with education on changing sexual behaviors and attitudes might have more benefit.

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Fitness news

Gym classes popping up near you

We've seen pop-up stores and pop-up restaurants, but pop-up fitness? This is something new. And yet that's the crux of KiwiSweat: to transport your everyday workout to an unexpected city spot. Picture a kickboxing class on the High Line or yoga class in Times Square. As often as possible, a live DJ will provide the music. Kiwi kicks off this Monday with spinning classes in Chelsea Market. Times and instructors will soon be available on www.kiwisweat.com.

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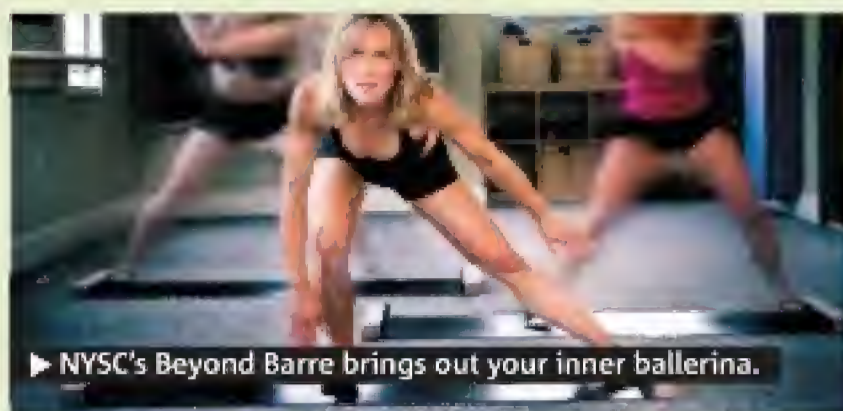
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Fitness

Trending:
Hybrid classes

If you like the idea of spinning, yoga or cardio but don't want to commit

to a full hour of it, a hybrid fitness class might be right for you. SLT: Strength, Lengthen, Tone (www.slt.nyc.com) combines Pilates, cardio, endurance and strength training in a 50 minute class that'll give your body a seriously hardcore workout. The 3-Sum class at Equinox



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(www.equinox.com) is a mix of cycling, strength and yoga, and the CrossCycle workouts uses two studios for spinning and strength training. At Crunch (www.crunch.com), yoga and break dancing come together (in harmony, of course) at Breakti, a primer in the understand-

ing and performance of street dance. And at New York Sports Club (www.mysportsclubs.com), "Black Swan" enthusiasts can take part in Beyond Barre, a combo of ballet-inspired barre work, free weights, ab-flattening and cardio.

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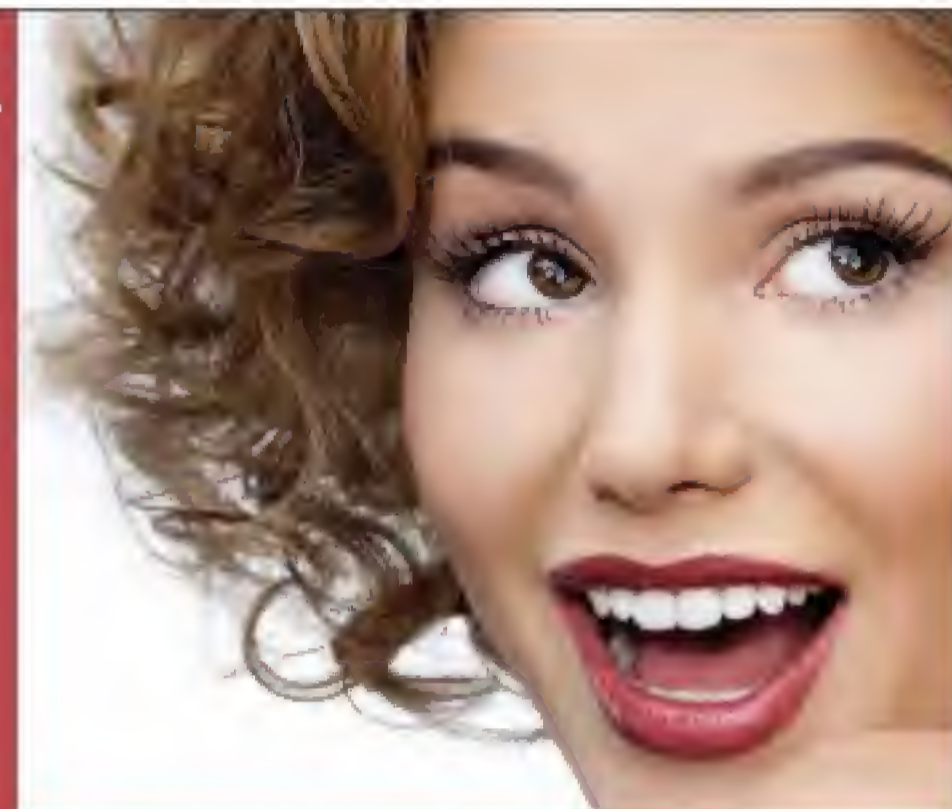
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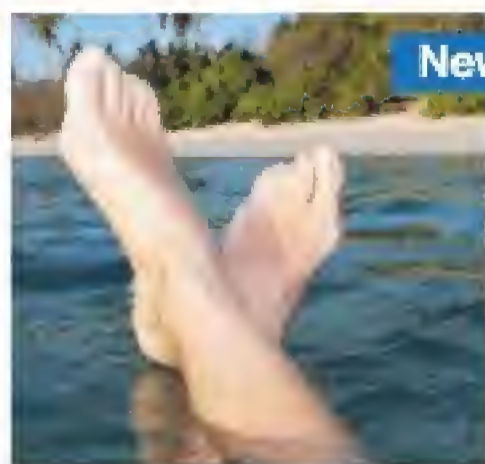
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Pushing back against protest

Am I the only one who is still unsure what they are protesting? Corporations? You mean the guys who are working hard to put those protestors' phones, tents and backpacks on the market? Or are they protesting me? A hard-working American who needs to work because mommy and daddy don't pay my bills? What exactly are they so mad about? If you're angry you have no money — get a job. If you want to protest the way the money is being handled, protest the government. Either way, do

something productive instead of blocking those of us who actually contribute to society.

RAQUEL JONES, VIA E-MAIL

I applaud the people protesting on Wall Street and in cities throughout America. From college students to clergy, union members to teachers — and politicians — this protest represents what America truly stands for. It comes from a beautiful thing: people showing they hate economic injustice.

BRUCE BLAUSTEIN, NEW YORK

The Occupy movement is becoming ridiculous. Why am I getting harassed on

my way to work to go make a living? Do you know over 50 percent of Americans don't pay taxes? That my hard work pays for their welfare? Then why am I being harassed by students who would rather scream at me then attend class and attempt to make a living?

JILL CAUGHEY, VIA E-MAIL

The poor should pay their fair share. Taxes are the price we pay for government services. I cannot be certain, but it is reasonable to assume that poor folks require greater government services and assistance than do the wealthy. Thus, in

principle, the poor should pay more. However, since the wealthy do have greater resources, perhaps we can ask them to pay as much as the poor. It is inarguable, though, that I have no claim on the wealth of others. While all men should enjoy the same legal rights and responsibilities, they will never have equal talent, opportunity or success!

JOSEPH PASULKA, VIA E-MAIL

According to the GAO, the government has handed over \$16 trillion to the banks. That is \$50,000 for every man, woman and child. More than enough to pay off the National Debt. Now do you see why we take to the street to remove the bankers' boots from our necks? CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, BED-STUY

Horoscope

♎ **Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't place too much hope on verbal commitments from others regarding their willingness to help. When you need them the most, they could be dedicating their support elsewhere.

♏ **Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Control your powers of concentration by keeping your mind only on the task at hand. If you happen to make a mistake, you should be able to catch it immediately and fix it.

♐ **Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Something you've neglected for far too long might hamper your freedom of mobility. What you've been sweeping under the rug could suddenly create a storm of dust bunnies.

♑ **Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Indecisiveness is an attitude that can easily be corrected. If you continue to persist being wishy-washy, your friends might not want to deal with you.

♒ **Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Guard against continually attempting to do things that are way beyond your mental or physical capabilities. Face up to your shortcomings.

♓ **Pisces Feb. 20-March 20.** Be budget-minded; if you aren't, funds you've earmarked for necessities shan't be there for you down the line, when you need them to pay the

bills. Think ahead.

♈ **Aries March 21-April 19.** Be extremely selective concerning with whom you spend your leisure time so that the wrong types don't ruin your fun. You need to laugh a bit.

♉ **Taurus April 20-May 20.** Certain people tend to be somewhat caustic and/or critical, but you don't have to respond in kind. Set a good example by being extremely tolerant when dealing with everybody.

♊ **Gemini May 21-June 20.** If you want special items that you own to enjoy long lives, pay attention to your care in handling them. Breakage is a product of carelessness.

♋ **Cancer June 21-July 22.** When negotiating something of significance, make certain all parties involved understand the small points as well as the main issues in the agreement, so no one later can claim ignorance.

♌ **Leo July 23-Aug. 22.** Methodically plot your course of action before you jump into the fray, or you could end up being the victim of your own handiwork. Look ahead.

♍ **Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you let your friends look upon you as their rock of Gibraltar today, they're likely to bring more trouble into your life than you care to handle. Put limitations on your availability.

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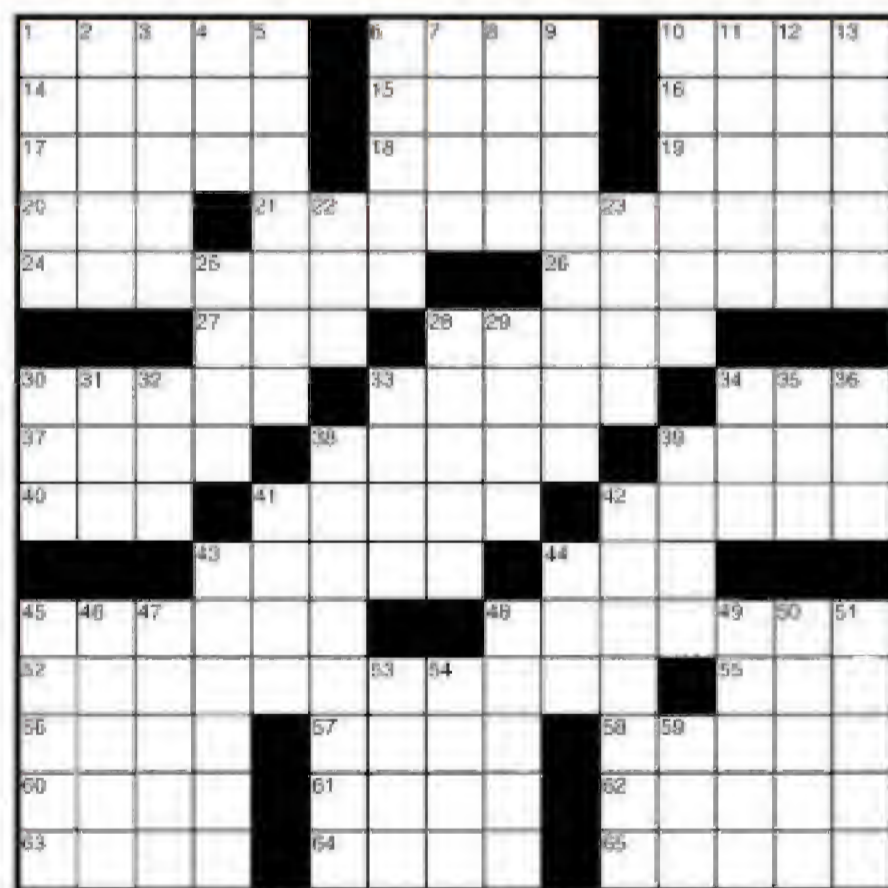
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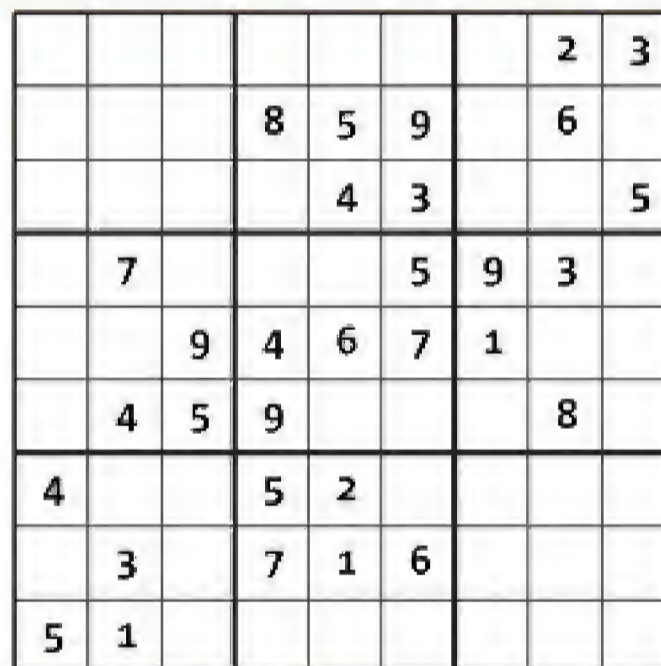
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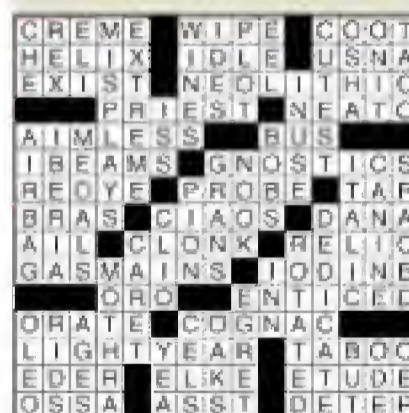
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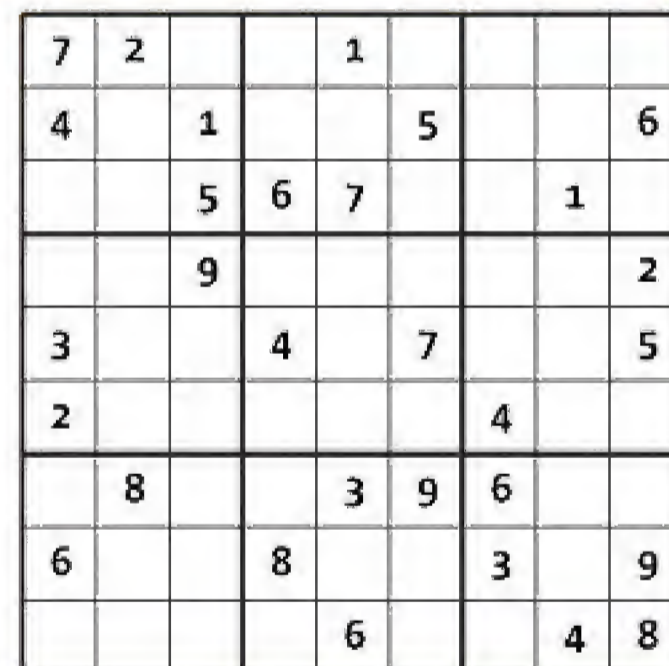


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In the news



Date set for NYC Super Bowl

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Girardi admits failure of goals

A week after Managing General Partner Hal Steinbrenner said the team failed in its "singular goal," a championship, Girardi admitted the same.

"We all know what the goal is here," Girardi said. "We didn't reach our goal, that's the bottom line. We go into spring training every year ... and the expectation is to win the World Series. If you don't reach that, it's considered not getting your job done."

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Girardi wraps up Yanks season with one final press conference • Sabathia, Hughes, A-Rod among topics

After 36 minutes and nearly 50 questions, no real news emerged from Joe Girardi's first press conference in the wake of a disappointing ALDS loss to the Tigers.

Girardi's briefing focused on the failure of the middle of the lineup to get the big hit in the series loss. The biggest topic, though, focused on an offseason plan

centered on improving the starting pitching.

Finding starting pitching would play a bigger role this offseason if CC Sabathia opts out of the seven-year, \$161 million contract he signed after 2008 and decides to go elsewhere. Even if he does opt out, retaining Sabathia would be a major priority.

Sabathia's contract has \$92 million remaining and since he is just 31, the open market figures to put his worth past the \$100 million mark, especially since Cliff Lee and Johan Santana have received that type of money from the Phillies and Mets respectively.

"He's extremely impor-

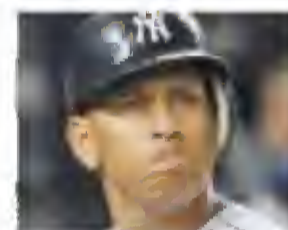
tant to our rotation," Girardi said. "We rely on him heavily in what he's done the last three years. As a free-agent signing goes, it's been spectacular. I can't imagine what it would be like without him. I don't want to imagine what it would be like without him. Time's going to tell what's going to happen here. It seems to be a place that he really likes."

Beyond Sabathia, Girardi said he'd be content entering spring training with Ivan Nova, A.J. Burnett, Phil Hughes and a competition for the fifth spot.



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Girardi on ...



Alex Rodriguez

"My expectation is he's going to be our third baseman. He'll DH a little bit ... just to get him off his feet, and keep his bat in the lineup."



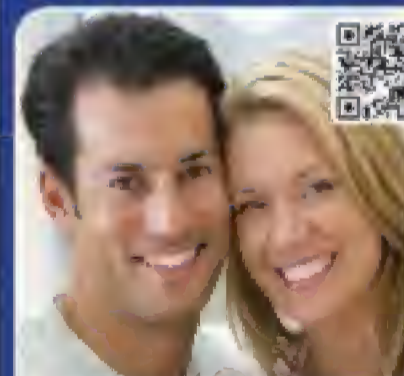
Phil Hughes

"We consider him a starter. We do, but he has to get back to the form he had in 2010 to continue to stay in our rotation."



A.J. Burnett

"He is a work in progress ... he is having to change as he gets older. He's lost a mile or two so that changes some of the pitches you are going to get away with."

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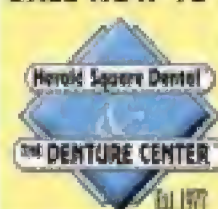
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Having been a sports fan for a solid 25 years — probably a passionate one in the last 15 to 20 — I can't remember a time when such a bad team with such mediocre NFL quarterbacks was the talk of the league.

I am talking, of course, about the circus that is the 1-4 Denver Broncos. **Kyle Orton** was the team's starting quarterback and the Broncos passed up a few opportunities to trade him. Then, Orton was dreadful Sunday and he was yanked for one of the league's most popular players (who has accomplished zero so far) — **Tim Tebow**.

A nation cheered.

It's unclear when Tebow leaped over third-stringer **Brady Quinn**, because they were just about even in the preseason. Why does Quinn matter? Because his girlfriend is Olympic gymnast **Alicia Sacramone**. Her popularity has never been higher — she just got naked for ESPN's "Body Issue" (her hands were strategically placed, leaving a little to the imagination).

Monday, while NFL talking heads everywhere were getting frothy over Tebow being named the starter — never-mind that the Broncos have a bye this Sunday, so he wouldn't be starting for another 13 days — Quinn was already by Sacramone's side in Charlotte. She was due to have surgery, and after the Broncos lost to the Chargers, Quinn jumped on a red eye to fly east and be by her side. She tweeted that Quinn was the "best

boyfriend ever."

This must be a tough time to be Kyle Orton.

What a total hot dog

Have you seen the video of a deranged fan charging the green while Tiger Woods was lining up a putt, shouting "Tiger!" and then hurling a hot dog in his direction? The crazed lunatic — he was taken down almost immediately by security and then cops — had Carl Lewis-like accuracy (the hot dog didn't come close to Tiger), but the scene was absolutely bizarre.

I'm puzzled by the hot dog selection. Why not a hamburger? Based on shape, I would assume if flung like a Frisbee, you could toss it farther. The man's toss was a weak one, but as security bum-rushed him, the man dropped to the ground and put his hands up in the air as if he knew the routine.

Was he drunk? (Police say he wasn't intoxicated or on drugs.) Just having fun? (I love to throw hot dogs at people, too!) Although the man was charged with disturbing the peace, it is only a misdemeanor, so his name wasn't released.

That's too bad. I'd love to know his motive.

— **Jason Raj McIntyre** covers athletes off the field and runs the popular blog, *The Big Lead*.

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Amar'e asks for NBA fans to stay patient

One day after NBA Commissioner David Stern cancelled the first two weeks of the season, New York Knicks forward Amar'e Stoudemire told fans to stay patient — even as threats of a longer hold-out linger.

Stoudemire appeared on multiple ESPN programs yesterday morning and, despite the call for patience,

his comments did not appear hopeful.

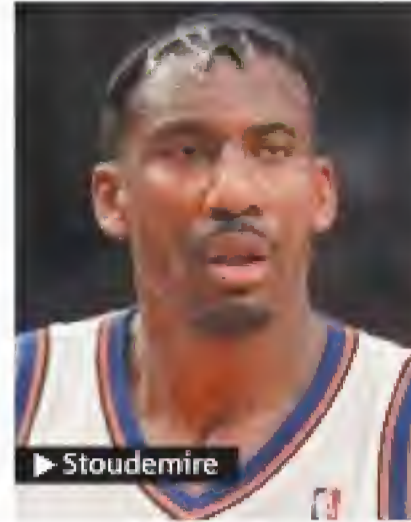
"I think we're pretty far apart, but the most important part is that we're trying to work to get something done," Stoudemire said. "There are so many jobs at stake. Their livelihoods are on the line. We'll get a deal done eventually."

The NBA season, which was to have begun Nov. 2,

will now not begin until Nov. 14 at the earliest.

Stoudemire and the Knicks were scheduled to take on the Miami Heat in the league's season opener. Instead, Stoudemire and his Knicks teammate Carmelo Anthony will continue playing with rivals Dwyane Wade and LeBron James on a touring exhibition team.

If the lockout continues,



▶ Stoudemire

however, Stoudemire did say he was open to playing overseas as fellow New York-area star Deron Williams has done.

"I think [playing overseas] definitely should be considered," Stoudemire told ESPN. "It could be an option."

No new talks between the players and owners have been scheduled.

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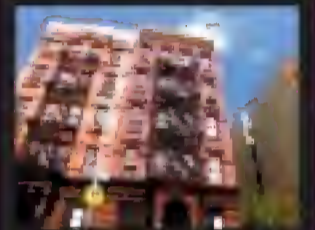
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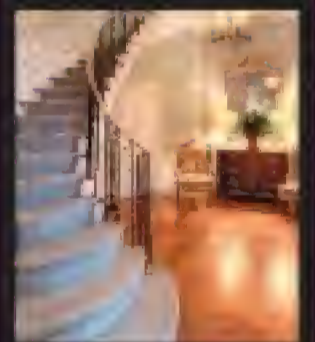


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Let's face it — whether you're designing a jewelry line, writing your screenplay or simply organizing your taxes, you need a work space at home. Only here, there's no office manager regulating your setup. "That's the great joy of it. You can bring in your own pictures, have whatever color on the wall and hang things up that inspire you when you're working," says Caroline Clifton-Mogg, author of "A Space of My Own: Inspirational Ideas for Home Offices, Craft Rooms and Studies." She shows us how to set up the perfect creative nook.

Know thy space: "Before you start setting up, think carefully about what you want to use the space for," advises Clifton-Mogg. "What you want to use it for dictates how you arrange it. Some people might want to use it for crafts — so they would need storage for rows of fabric or a sewing machine, which is different from storing books. Also, make a list of things you're going to use most and keep them at reach, like on your first shelf."

Think outside the box: "Your work surface doesn't have to be a [generic] desk. It can be an antique table or an

old piece of wood — as long as it's deep enough for your needs, your computer and lights," says Clifton-Mogg, who stresses the importance of personalizing. "There are so many containers out there: wicker baskets, handy man tool boxes, wooden fruit boxes and wine crates."

Storage is key: You don't need a whole room in order to have storage, says

Clifton-Mogg. For those of us squeezing a desk into the bedroom, she says: "Plain shelves — deep ones and shallow ones — are all you need. You can put boxes on some and books on others." And, she advises, "If you have the space, always add more shelves — because work expands."

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► Get inspired by the pretty work spaces found in "A Space of My Own," such as this one full of personal photos and fun colors.

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"Lighting is vital," says Clifton-Mogg, who suggests having an adjustable, angled light on your work surface. "It's not enough to try and work with just overhead lighting." "A comfortable chair is incredibly important," she says. "That's the one thing one should look for from a professional office [company]. They're not all horrible."



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Chipping in to buy a piece of New York

► Syndication deals, especially among ethnic groups, are on the upswing ► Why they're a smart investment

It's a deal that blends the American Dream with a touch of globalization, and it hints of a bubbling trend.

Fifty-three Chinese-Americans pooled \$160,000 each to buy a corner at Delancey and Pitt streets on the Lower East Side for \$8.5 million this summer. They each plan to contribute \$240,000 more to fund the

construction of a 53-unit condo to replace the auto shop that is there now, says seller Anthony Marano, a principal at Ozymandius Realty.

"Fifty of the units are already spoken for," Marano told The Real Deal. "It's not a building that will be vacant or unfinished."

The group of Chinese-Americans — known as Delancey Bridge Tower Inc. and led by Yanpo Zhu of Manhattan — approached Marano and his father more than a year ago to buy the land, which consists of five side-by-side lots. Other developers had also expressed interest, Marano says.

In the end, Marano and his father chose the Chinese syndication because the money was all cash and the group offered concessions, such as allowing the elder Marano's shop to stay open for two months after the deal closes and signing a contract with no contingencies.

"Things that a lender would find hard to swallow," says Marano. "Groups like this have a leg up on every site on the Lower East Side versus conventional

groups."

Syndication deals — where small investors pool together their money to purchase property — have long dotted the city's real estate landscape, whether they involve immigrant groups, wealthy family members or professionals. Some of the Big Apple's most storied developers, including Larry Silverstein and the late Harry Helmsley, got their start with simple syndication deals.

But in certain corners, industry insiders say they are seeing the market for these deals, especially immigrant-led ones, heat up.

A confluence of factors, such as higher equity requirements for financing and the tepid economy, is behind the uptick. But the deals can be tricky, sometimes literally lost in translation, as both sides navigate cultural land mines.

JANNA HERRON

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Why foreign interest?

Bob Knakal, chairman of Massey Knakal Realty Services, has seen syndication interest from all over the globe: Israel, Germany, Argentina, Brazil, China and South Korea, to name a few. Deals range from the

very small, \$2.5 million, to the bigger, around \$70 million, he says, noting that investors he sees are high-net-worth individuals looking for Manhattan properties south of 96th Street without a rent-regulated tenant.

"Investors are increasingly worried about their own economies," he says. "They look at properties as a safety deposit box more than cash flow."

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► Timour Shafran of Capin & Associates in front of the Hamilton Heights building where he has a syndication deal pending.

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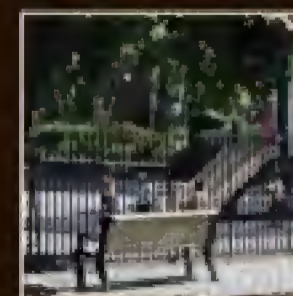
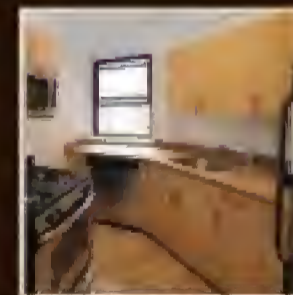
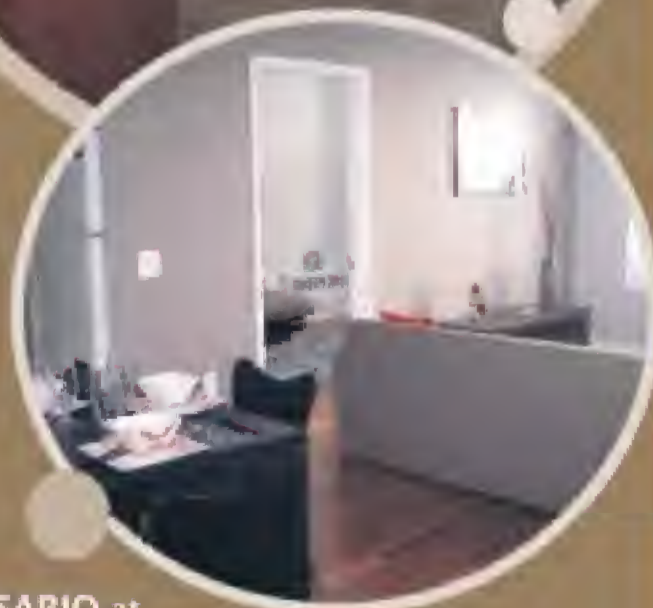
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